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To: DOGFM-- Paul Baker
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Subject: Amendment to Permit M/045/0049

I have a fully funded mining company with all personnel in place to commence production from the Gold Hill Mining District for the first time in a generation. Our submission request involves about 4 acres of what amounts to clean-up of an existing site.


Early 2009 Desert hawk Gold Corp. (DHG) acquired a lease with Clifton Mining to exploit ores in the Gold Hill District. After agonizing soul searching we agreed to take on the 100 year junk yard called the Cactus Mill which had a valid and permit and was bonded for reclamation.

I have been involved in permitting mines for 30 years and have been involved in permitting at least 20 mines in 5 states including Utah. After I was informed by Leslie Hepler in June last year that I was unqualified to do the permitting at this site, I retained Doug Jensen and NAE to finish up the task-- **Amending** an existing permit.

In August last year, Doug asked Leslie for help in establishing a baseline in the surety calculations so that the amendment would be more logical and never ending negotiations would not later result. That did not happen and we should have pressed harder at that time but we did not-- mostly because of the small scope and overall trivial nature of the issues.

After four months in which Leslie cited several issues including State mandated furloughs and other issues, no review has yet been done, and I find a cat fight has apparently been uncovered between Doug Jensen and Leslie Hepler (based obviously on past history, with me being the lone victim in the fight).

I have spent at least \$600,000 to date to move the project into production, at least \$60,000 just to clean up this site-- it looks great. If we could find an orderly way forward from this point it would be extremely appreciated.


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